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IT STARTS OUT WELL.

[Oxford Day.]

The DAILY STATE CHRONICLE has made its initial bow and fully realized the anticipations of its friends. It is attractive in appearance and in the character and quantity of its reading matter. It starts out well—unusually well. If it does not meet with success the people of Raleigh and the State will show a want of appreciation of a good thing when they see it.

BISMARCK'S RETIREMENT.

The resignation of PRINCE BISMARCK, the Iron Chancellor, is a victory for the people. For more than a quarter of a century he has been the most conspicuous figure in European politics. Before he was fifty years old he was the head of the Prussian monarchy. It was his statesmanship and his wisdom that welded the States into an Empire, and he has been the absolute governor. He alone has made Germany the leading power and in his resignation it loses prestige. But it gains in internal progress. Great as he is, BISMARCK has not seemed to understand the new social conditions. He has always regarded governing as the part of Kings and Emperors and Prime Ministers. The rule of the people had little place in his conceptions of Government. As long as the German people wanted the ablest autocrat in the world—one who loved Germany as dearly as he loved power—they delighted in the rule of the Iron Chancellor. But when the new gospel of self rule and equal opportunities began to move in the people, they grew restive under his rule. The younger WILLIAM understood the temper of his subjects. He realized that if he kept his crown he must heed the demands of his people. It is believed that the young Emperor is sincere in his desire to introduce reforms in the directions asked for. He could not follow his own desires and retain his throne by following the policy of the Chancellor, and he wisely chose to accept the resignation of the great man to whom he and his ancestors are so largely indebted.

There are many who see in the resignation of Europe's greatest statesman all manner of evil. War and discord are predicted. Such predictions show a prevalence of senile pessimism. The day of one man power has passed. Great BISMARCK was, and deplorable as was his end, the wheels of government moved on with the least jar. And that was a time of deep gloom and great troubles. GARFIELD'S death did not affect the operations of government. GLADSTONE is not England's Prime Minister, and yet affairs of State go on while he reads and studies in his wonderful library. BISMARCK retires. The world turns over on its axis as before. A lesser man takes his place, but the machinery moves on easily. There was a time when his retirement might have thrown Germany into war and wrought trouble throughout Europe. That time has passed. He has done much to make Germany great and powerful without him. It will prosper without him. The condition of the people will be bettered—the growth of individualism will be rapid—and the progress towards equal opportunity and perfect freedom will be steadier. He will ever be a great factor in the German Empire, but the time had come when the doctrine of the lifting up of the working people and the lessening of the power of the nobility made his policy a positive disadvantage to the progress of his country. He could not appreciate the changes that had taken place in the aspirations of the working people, and he would not further the reforms that were essential to the betterment of the whole people. And so, with his honors thick upon him, it is best that he should retire, and that the young Emperor be given the opportunity he desires of meeting the wishes of his people. It may be that he will be the last Emperor who will sit upon the throne of Germany. If so, his expressions of kindness added to his manifest desire to secure the reforms that will benefit his people, will make for himself a name worthy to be revered. Certainly the days of king-craft and oppression and inequalities and nobility everywhere are numbered.

"Yet I doubt not through the ages one increasing purpose runs,
And the thoughts of men are widening
with the process of the suns."

WE NOTE with pleasure that Mr. Geo. P. FELL, formerly on the staff of the STATE CHRONICLE, has accepted a position on the staff of the Twin City Daily. He loves newspaper work and has newspaper talent, both inherited and acquired. His father, the late Rev. Wm. E. FELL, was for a long time connected with North Carolina journalism, both religious and secular. He was the author of the first Democratic platform adopted after the war. We hope that the mantle of his father may fall upon our young friend, and that he may win fame and fortune in journalism.

THE BRIGHT TOBACCO CROP.

Some days ago we gave the experience of some gentlemen in Vance county who have found farming to pay handsomely by cultivating bright yellow tobacco. We made one mistake. In reference to the crop of Mr. S. H. SATERWHITE we stated that the product of two acres was \$695.50. We should have printed it \$995.50. Our only explanation of this error is that, accustomed to intimate intercourse with farmers who work hard all the year and find it difficult to make both ends meet, it dazes us to deal with such large figures as this value of the product of only two acres.

A friend who understands all the difficulties about making tobacco suggests to us that it is a very deceiving crop and that raising bright tobacco is not so easy as it appears when the high prices are given. He has known men who made big prices on a few acres who could realize no profit when they undertook to make a large crop. The CHRONICLE, notwithstanding the big profits that can be realized from bright tobacco, would not advise its farmer readers to abandon all other crops. In fact, our advice would be: Stick to the crops that give hog and hominy and plant a few acres in tobacco—not an acre more than can be cultivated with the very best care. The men who have generally made money on tobacco are those who plant small crops and give it the best personal attention. But while this is so, men who own land suitable for making fine tobacco ought to be ambitious to secure as many good tenants and laborers as are needed and make every inch of ground tell in the increased value of the product. We believe that North Carolina ought and could easily double the value of its annual crop of bright tobacco, and experience has shown that no crop in the world pays such magnificent profits.

TRE PRACTICAL VS. TINKLING Cymbals.

There is a movement on foot in the University which has for its object the abolition of the annual address delivered every Wednesday morning of commencement week. The proposition is to give this time to the meeting of the Alumni Association, which has heretofore been crowded almost entirely out of the programme. Many good reasons are given in support of this plan. The speech-making will be just as good, if not better, than under the present arrangement. Instead of sending abroad and getting some orator of high position, with a crowd-drawing name, who fires tinkling cymbal generalities and incomprehensible philippics over the heads of two thousand people, it is held to be much more sensible to select some alumni of talent and ability, assign him a subject pertaining to the life and progress of the institution and hear instead practical, sober thoughts on staple themes. Shorter speeches of course will be in order and expected. Instead of the meeting being an occasion when the young and vigorous element of the University Alumni must sit like dummies and listen to the ante bellum dilate on the glories before the war and departed greatness, it will be a time for considering and maturing wise measures, endowing chairs, raising money, and perfecting the work of the several departments. The Philanthropic Society has the election of the commencement speaker for this year and the CHRONICLE hears it is now on the point of taking the initiative step in this matter.

FAILURE OF THE BLAIR BILL.

In an editorial correspondence from Washington some weeks ago, the STATE CHRONICLE stated that if the Blair Educational bill should be defeated Mr. Blair would have his own long speeches to thank for it. It was defeated yesterday in the Senate after having twice passed that body. It is no more than might have been expected. The money under it would have come largely to the South. INGALLS, HAWLEY & Co. never yet voted for any measure that would aid the South, and when the test came they voted against it. There will now be a better chance to get big pensions and other lavish appropriations all of which will go to the constituents of Northern Senators.

NORTH CAROLINA AT PARIS.

The State Ought to Have Sent Samples Of Its Products.

[Special Cor. of STATE CHRONICLE.]
The State Department has recently distributed the official catalogue of the United States exhibit at the Universal Exposition at Paris. It is a matter of popular interest to note the showing of North Carolina as given in this volume, printed by Charles Noblet et Fils, Paris.

CLASS 7.—Organization and appliances for secondary instruction. Charlotte Female Institute, annual catalogue, 1887-'88; Chowan Baptist Female Seminary, Mufreesboro, annual catalogue, 1887-'88; Davenport College, Lenoir, catalogue and announcements; Greensboro Female College, annual catalogue, 1888-'89; Trinity College, Randolph, catalogue for 1888-'89.

CLASS 9.—Printing and books. African Expositor, Raleigh; North Carolina Teacher, New York City, Eugene L. Harrell, Raleigh; current number of North Carolina Teacher.

CLASS 41.—Products of mining and metallurgy. North State Mining Co., gold.
In the collective exhibition of tobacco, of hay and grasses, and cereals, there was not a single entry from North Carolina.

WHO PAYS THE FERTILIZER TAX?

[Special Cor. STATE CHRONICLE.]
This question can be answered Yankee fashion by asking another.

Who pays the other expenses incurred in the manufacture and sale of fertilizers? The manufacturer in the first instance for he is obliged to fix his selling prices so as to give him a certain profit, after paying all expenses. Of course the license tax must be considered in this determination of selling prices, as it is just as legitimate and just as certain an expense as the cost of any ingredient used by the manufacturer of a particular brand of fertilizer.

Then, if the selling price is increased by reason of, or on account of the \$500 license tax imposed by the N. C. Law, out of whose pockets does it come? There is only one obvious answer to this question. It comes out of the farmer's. It is universally admitted, the tax imposed by the U. S. Government on all imported goods by way of tariff, is paid in the first instance by the importer, but it finally comes out of the pockets of the farmers and others, who consume the imported article. This is the modus vivendi of the Democratic doctrine of a low tariff. A tariff for revenue only, because the consumer will be relieved of the tax.

It being clear that the farmer pays the tax, I propose to show in another article, who will be benefited by relieving the farmer, who is already overburdened, from the ultimate liability for the tax in question, and I expect to show that the farmers are interested more than any other persons in or out of the State, in having the fertilizer tax reduced to a legitimate and proper amount.

A Log Forty Feet in The Ground.

[Special Cor. of STATE CHRONICLE.]

A man named Churchill, on the farm of Dr. A. J. Blanchard, in Middle Creek Township, was digging a well, and forty feet below the surface he found a log which he had cut in two twice before proceeding. How did it come there.

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